

II. Amendment to the Claims

Applicant amends claims 1–3, 6–10, 12–13, 19–21, 36, 43 and 48 as set forth below is a listing of all of the claims in the Application with an identification of the current status of each claim in the Application noted parenthetically in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

- Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of
– applying a non-toxic composition to the wood
wherein said composition consists essentially of benzyl alcohol ~~and~~ tannic acid, tannin and lactic acid.
- Claim 2. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a non-toxic composition to the wood, wherein the composition consists essentially of benzyl alcohol, tannic acid, tannin, lactic acid and essential oils.
- Claim 3. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition consists essentially of benzyl alcohol, tannic acid, tannin, lactic acid and glycerol.
- Claim 4. (previously presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein said composition comprises less than 50% by weight of benzyl alcohol.
- Claim 5. (canceled)
- Claim 6. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a non-toxic composition to the wood, wherein said composition consists essentially of benzyl alcohol, tannic acid, ~~and~~ tannin and lactic acid.

- Claim 7. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition consists essentially of benzyl alcohol (a), propyl alcohol (b), tannin (c) ~~and~~, tannic acid (d) and lactic acid (e).
- Claim 8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein said composition consists essentially of:
from 0.1 to 99% by weight of benzyl alcohol;
from 0.01 to 25% by weight of tannin; ~~and~~
from 0.01 to 70% by weight of tannic acid and lactic acid.
- Claim 9. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a non-toxic composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises benzyl alcohol, propylene glycol, tannin ~~and~~, tannic acid and lactic acid.
- Claim 10. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a non-toxic composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises:
(a1) benzyl alcohol;
(a2) propylene glycol; ~~and~~
(b) tannin;
(c) lactic acid; and
(d) a phenol containing essential oils selected from origanum, thyme, rosemary, orange, clove, fennel, camphor, mandarin, anise, cascarilla, estragon and pimento.
- Claim 11. (canceled)

Claim 12. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a non-toxic composition to the wood, wherein said composition consists essentially of benzyl alcohol, tannic acid, tannin ~~and~~ lactic acid and lavender.

Claim 13. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a non-toxic composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises benzyl alcohol, tannic acid, propylene glycol, tannin, lactic acid and essential oils having a high content of alcohols, melissa, coriander, cardamon and eucalyptus.

Claims 14–18. (canceled)

Claim 19. (currently amended) A The method for the impregnation and treatment of wood according to claim 1 comprising the step of applying a non-toxic composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises from 0.1 to 98% by weight of benzyl alcohol and from 0.01 to 25% by weight of tannin.

Claim 20. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a non-toxic composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises:

- (i) benzyl alcohol;
- (ii) propylene glycol ~~and~~;
- (iii) tannic acid;
- (iv) tannin;
- (v) lactic acid and
- (vi) essential oils or extracts selected from Eucalyptus citriodora, cinnamon, lemon, lemon grass, melissa, citronella, lime and orange.

Claim 21. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a non-toxic composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises benzyl alcohol, propylene glycol, tannic acid, tannin, lactic acid, and essential oils selected from pepper, bitter orange, caraway, dill, lemon, peppermint, and nutmeg.

Claims 22–23. (canceled)

Claim 24. (previously presented) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood wherein said composition consists essentially of benzyl alcohol, tannic acid, propylene glycol, lactic acid and cinnamyl alcohol.

Claims 25–29. (canceled)

Claim 30. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said composition consists essentially of:
from 0.01 to 99% by weight of benzyl alcohol and
from 0.01 to 50% by weight of tannic acid.

Claims 31–35. (canceled)

Claim 36. (currently amended) A method for the impregnation and treatment of wood comprising the step of applying a composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises:
from 0.1 to 99% by weight of benzyl alcohol;
from 0.01 to 99.8% by weight of propylene glycol;
from 0.01 to 25% by weight of tannin; ~~and~~
from 0.01 to 70% by weight of tannic acid and
from 0.01 to 30% by weight of lactic acid.

Claims 37–42. (canceled)

Claim 43. (currently amended) A The method for the impregnation and treatment of wood according to claim 36 comprising the step of applying a non-toxic composition to the wood, wherein said composition comprises from 20 to 98% by weight of benzyl alcohol and from 0.01 to 10% by weight of tannin.

Claims 44–45. (canceled)

Claim 46. (previously presented) The method of treatment of wood comprising the step of applying the composition as defined in claim 1 by spraying.

Claim 47. (canceled)

Claim 48. (currently amended) A method of treatment of wood comprising the step of incorporating the composition as defined in claim ~~20~~ 24 by spraying.